

Temp. Duty Travel Allowances

§ 301-10.164

service for another part of your trip, and you improperly use a foreign air carrier (i.e., when neither authorized to do so nor otherwise permitted under this regulation), your agency will pay the transportation cost on the foreign air carrier for only the portion(s) of the trip for which you were authorized to use foreign air carrier service. The agency must establish internal procedures for denying reimbursement to travelers when use of a foreign air carrier was neither authorized nor otherwise permitted under this regulation.

TRAIN

§301-10.160 What classes of train accommodations are available?

(a) *Coach-class*—The basic class of accommodations offered by a rail carrier to passengers that includes a level of service available to all passengers regardless of the fare paid. Coach-class includes reserved coach accommodations as well as slumber coach accommodations when overnight train travel is involved.

(b) *Slumber coach*—Includes slumber coach accommodations on trains offering such accommodations, or the lowest level of sleeping accommodations available on a train that does not offer slumber coach accommodations.

(c) *First-class*—Includes bedrooms, roomettes, club service, parlor car accommodations, or other premium accommodations.

§301-10.161 What class of train accommodations must I use?

You must use coach-class accommodations for all train travel, except when your agency authorizes first-class service.

§301-10.162 When may I use first-class train accommodations?

Only when your agency specifically authorizes/approves your use of first-class train accommodations under paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section.

(a) No coach-class accommodations are reasonably available. "Reasonably available" means available and scheduled to leave within 24 hours of the employee's proposed departure time, or

scheduled to arrive within 24 hours of the employee's proposed arrival time.

(b) When use of first-class is necessary to accommodate a disability or other special need. A disability must be substantiated in writing by competent medical authority. A special need must be substantiated in writing according to your agency's procedures. If you are authorized under §301-13.3(a) of this chapter to have an attendant accompany you, your agency also may authorize the attendant to use first-class accommodations if you require the attendant's services en route.

(c) When exceptional security circumstances require first-class travel. Exceptional security circumstances include, but are not limited to:

(1) Use of other than first-class accommodations would endanger your life or Government property;

(2) You are an agent on protective detail and you are accompanying an individual authorized to use first-class accommodations; or

(3) You are a courier or control officer accompanying controlled pouches or packages.

(d) Inadequate foreign coach-class train accommodations. When coach-class train accommodations on a foreign rail carrier do not provide adequate sanitation or health standards.

§301-10.163 What is an extra-fare train?

A train that operates at an increased fare due to the extra performance of the train (i.e., faster speed or fewer stops).

§301-10.164 When may I use extra-fare train service?

You may travel coach-class on an extra-fare train whenever your agency determines it is more advantageous to the Government or is required for security reasons. The use of AMTRAK Metroliner coach accommodations is advantageous to the Government; AMTRAK Metroliner Club Service, however, is a first-class accommodation and may be authorized/approved only as provided in §301-10.162.

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